

Federal Government and Indian tribes. If you believe this proposed rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this proposed rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this proposed rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.ID, which guides the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have made a preliminary determination that this action is one of a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This proposed rule simply promulgates the operating regulations or procedures for drawbridges. Normally such actions are categorically excluded from further review, under figure 2–1, paragraph (32)(e), of the Instruction.

A preliminary Record of Environmental Consideration and a Memorandum for the Record are not required for this proposed rule. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

V. Public Participation and Request for Comments

We view public participation as essential to effective rulemaking, and will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Your comment can help shape the outcome of this rulemaking. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and the docket, visit <http://www.regulations.gov/privacynotice>.

Documents mentioned in this NPRM as being available in this docket and all public comments, will be in our online docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that Web site's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted or a final rule is published.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 117 as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 33 CFR 1.05–1; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Revise § 117.219(b) to read as follows:

§ 117.219 Pequonnock River.

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(b) The draw of the Metro-North Peck Bridge at mile 0.3, at Bridgeport, shall operate as follows:

(1) The draw shall open on signal between 5:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. if at least four hours advance notice is given; except that, from 5:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding holidays, the draw need not open for the passage of vessel traffic unless an emergency exists.

(2) From 9 p.m. to 5:45 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least an eight hour notice is given.

(3) A delay in opening the draw not to exceed 15 minutes may occur when a train scheduled to cross the bridge without stopping has entered the drawbridge block.

(4) Requests for bridge openings may be made by calling the telephone number posted at the bridge.

Dated: September 22, 2017.

S.D. Poulin,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3050

[Docket No. RM2017–13; Order No. 4141]

Periodic Reporting

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent filing requesting that the Commission initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to an analytical method for use in periodic reporting (Proposal Nine). This document informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* November 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

On September 29, 2017, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting that the Commission initiate a rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports and compliance

determinations.¹ The Petition identifies the proposed analytical method changes filed in this docket as Proposal Nine.

II. Proposal Nine

Background. The Postal Service proposes to change the current City Carrier Cost System (CCCS) methodology for estimating Delivery Point Sequence (DPS) volume proportions. Petition, Proposal Nine at 1. Presently, the Postal Service collects similar mail characteristic data, such as class and product data, for two different systems: CCCS and Origin-Destination Information System—Revenue, Pieces, and Weight (ODIS—RPW). *Id.* at 1–2. CCCS data are used primarily to distribute costs to products delivered by city letter routes. ODIS—RPW data are used to estimate volume and revenue.

Currently, the Postal Service collects CCCS mail characteristics data manually. *See id.* at 3. In contrast, the Postal Service collects ODIS—RPW mail characteristics data from digitally captured images of letter and card shaped mail.² The Postal Service states that the ODIS—RPW digital sampling method includes approximately 93 percent of CCCS sampled city letter routes. Petition, Proposal Nine at 2.

Proposal. The Postal Service proposes a methodology change to CCCS data collection procedures for Delivery Point Sequenced (DPS) mail. *Id.* at 1. The Postal Service seeks to use the ODIS—RPW digital data to enhance CCCS data for DPS mail destined for delivery by city letter routes. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service explains that the proposal would eliminate the need to manually sample 93 percent of DPS mail for CCCS data collection purposes. *Id.*; *see id.* at 3. The Postal Service states that it would continue to manually sample mailpieces destined for city letter routes not included in ODIS—RPW's digital data collection, approximately seven percent of city letter routes. *Id.* at 3.

Rationale and impact. The Postal Service states that the proposal would enhance the CCCS estimation of delivered DPS volumes. *Id.* The Postal Service explains that the “automated, systematic method of collecting images of DPS letters and cards” would reduce the risk of undetected sampling errors. *Id.* Additionally, the Postal Service notes that data collectors and their supervisors are able to review and

analyze the ODIS—RPW data because the system retains the data for 30 days. *Id.* at 3–4. The Postal Service also explains that the proposal would increase the number of DPS sampled mailpieces by approximately 400 percent and the number of CCCS tests by approximately 300 percent. *Id.* at 4.

The Postal Service discusses the likely effects of the proposed methodology change on product volume distribution and unit costs. *Id.* at 4–5. Based on these estimates, the Postal Service indicates minor differences in product volume distribution between the current and proposed CCCS methodologies. *Id.* at 4. These estimates also indicate that using ODIS—RPW digital data for DPS mail destined for city letter routes would result in very small estimated changes in unit costs or would leave unit costs unaffected. *Id.* at 4–5.

III. Notice and Comment

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2017–13 for consideration of matters raised by the Petition. More information on the Petition may be accessed via the Commission's Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons may submit comments on the Petition and Proposal Nine no later than November 21, 2017. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya is designated as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2017–13 for consideration of the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Nine), filed September 29, 2017.

2. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than November 21, 2017.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R09–OAR–2015–0204; FRL–9969–02—Region 9]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; South Coast Moderate Area Plan for the 2006 PM_{2.5} Standards; Correction of Deficiency

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve California's Reasonably Available Control Measures/Reasonably Available Control Technology and Reasonable Further Progress demonstrations for the 2006 24-hour fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS or “standards”) in the Los Angeles–South Coast nonattainment area and to determine that the State has corrected the deficiency that formed the basis for the prior partial disapproval of the Moderate Area Plan submitted for these NAAQS. The proposed determination is based on the EPA's final approval of revisions to the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) program and 2016 Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) Demonstration. If today's action is finalized as proposed, the sanctions clocks triggered by the partial disapproval will be terminated.

DATES: Any comments must arrive by November 9, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R09–OAR–2015–0204 at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or via email to tax.wienke@epa.gov. For comments submitted at Regulations.gov, follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be removed or edited from Regulations.gov. For either manner of submission, the EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Nine), September 29, 2017 (Petition).

² *Id.* at 2; *see* Docket No. RM2015–11, Order No. 2739, Order on Analytical Principles Used in Periodic Reporting (Proposal Three), September 30, 2015.